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## Testing Wisconsin's Emergency Communications "SIMCOM" in Jefferson County on May 16, 2013

(MADISON) – Communications are critical during a disaster. Getting information and data to the right people at the right time can save lives. That's why Wisconsin Emergency Management, Jefferson County Emergency Management and the Wisconsin National are hosting a multi-agency communications exercise.

State Interoperable Mobile Communications Exercise or "SIMCOM 2013" will be held Thursday, May 16 from 8:30am to 3pm at the Jefferson County Fair Park. The exercise is designed to display, educate and test Mobile Emergency Communications from federal, state, tribal and local governments. The goal is to develop relationships and understand the capabilities of other agencies before they are needed in a real emergency.

This year's event will feature an exercise with challenging simulated emergency messages and tasks which will provide a true test of interoperable communications.

Media interested in covering this event should contact Tod Pritchard at 608-219-4008 for more information.

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